

Listening Guide

This Listening Guide is designed to help you ask questions and take notes on what you're learning. The process will accomplish two things: first, it will help process the information in the lecture by keeping your mind engaged with the material. Second, it will allow you to collect your notes in one place for a summary of the lesson's content. If you choose to do additional study or want to teach the material to others, you will have a thorough set of notes to guide you.

You may print these Listening Guide pages separately and complete the information as you read, listen to, or watch the lessons. Or as an alternative, you can fill in the fields in this digital version and save to your computer once you are finished.

I. Introduction

[1] What questions is this course designed to answer?

[2] How would you answer each of these questions?

II. What Is Geography?

[3] Which of the three categories of geography sounds most interesting to you?

[4] What do you think “human” geography is about?

III. Physical Geography

[5] Briefly describe the two things physical geography deals with.

[6] What does a study of the natural forces relate to?

IV. Human Geography

[7] How does what human geography examines agree and disagree with your response to question #4?

[8] Are there some items on the list of human geography that interest you more than others?

[9] Why are homes built in different ways in different locations?

V. Natural History

[10] What do we study under the heading of natural history?

[11] What are the two “sides” of the geography conversation?

VI. Geography and the Bible

[12] In what way are God’s people like Mount Zion according to Psalm 125?

[13] How did Mark combine physical geography and natural forces in Mark 4:37?

[14] How would you explain the spiritual lesson about the scratch plow in Luke 9? What is its application for today?

[15] What do you think it means for a person to spiritually “flourish” like a palm tree?

[16] Jesus taught powerful lessons by using the natural history that surrounded His listeners. List a few of the items in your own natural history you could use to help people better understand God's love and care for us.

VII. Conclusion

[17] After learning more about the three categories of geography, which one now sounds most interesting to you?

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

Read a few of the psalms and see how many geography references you can find, and list them under the three categories suggested in the lesson. Then review your list and spend a few minutes worshipping our creative God for the beauty and power He designed into the universe.